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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 9-17 and 20-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 8, 18, 19 and 25-28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35

U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 9-17 and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Phan (6,651,202).

As per claims 1 and 9, Phan discloses the invention substantially as claimed, comprising the steps of:

Providing an integrated circuit that includes a self-test device (col. 1, lines 20-25;

Starting to perform a test of the integrated circuit with the self-test device (col. 6, lines 6-19);

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Taking at least parts of the integrated circuit out of operation after the parts have been tested by the self-test device is inherent in the multiplexing circuitry of Phan (col. 6, lines 30-46); and

Subsequently, connecting the integrated circuit to an external testing device that performs a function selected from the group consisting of reading out results of the test and evaluating the results of the test (col. 7, line 63 to col. 8, line 45).

As per claim 2, Phan further discloses which comprises completing the test before performing the step of connecting the integrated circuit to the external testing device. (Col. 6, lines 30-46).

As per claim 3, Phan further discloses which comprises at least partially completing the test while performing a function selected from the group consisting of temporarily storing the integrated circuit and transporting the integrated circuit to the external testing device. (See col. 10 lines 25-34).

As per claim 4, Phan further discloses providing a self test control device that causes performance of the test of the integrated circuit; and

Moving the control device together with the integrated circuit. (Col. 6, lines 20-45).

As per claim 6, Phan further discloses with the self test device, writing data into a test result memory (100) ; and after testing the integrated circuit (IC), taking out of operation, components of the IC that are not needed to continue to store the data in the test result memory is inherent in the multiplexing circuitry of Phan (col. 6, lines 30-46).

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As per claim 10, Phan further discloses providing the integrated circuit on at least one wafer. (Col. 10, lines 35-39).

As per claims 11-17 and 20-23 these claims are rejected under similar rationale as set forth in claims 1 and 3.

As per claims As per claim 24, this claim is rejected under the similar rationale as set forth in claim 1 and 10.

3. Claims 7-8, 18-19, 22-23 and 25-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phung My Chung whose telephone number is 571-272-3818. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on 571-272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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